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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Strategic Research
THROUGH : Chief, Soviet and East European Forces Division, OSR
SUBJECT : Remarks on Soviet Submarines by Congressman Rivers, Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services

1. Congressman Rivers' data, as presented in the Congressional Record, on production of submarines is generally correct. The tone of the speech is exaggerative, however. The only data to which this office would take exception is the statement that the Soviets can produce more than 12 submarines in one yard in one year. This could only be accomplished if they went back to mass production of older-type diesel submarines that require less construction time. We do not know what the capabilities of Gor'kiy shipyard will be when the new facilities there are completed. At any rate, we feel that these facilities will be used for nuclear submarines. The possibility exists that Severodvinsk, Komsomol'sk, or Gor'kiy, individually could reach production of 12 submarines per year (attack types, not SSBNs) if they went all-out on a three shift basis using all building ways thereby achieving a 1.5 factor of increase.

2. Our analysis of the advantages of the Cienfuegos Base assumed the presence of one UGRA class tender, capable of supporting two submarines at a time for upkeep and minor repairs. This equates to a squadron of six submarines including those on patrol and in transit. Thus the advantages of Cuban basing would be available

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only to six of the 12 Yankees. The greatest efficiency they could achieve by operations from the Kola region and Cuba compared to Kola alone is only about 25 percent increase in on-station time.

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Chief
Naval Operations Branch, SR/SF

Attachment:

Remarks by Mr. Rivers, Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services in the Congressional Record-House, October 8, 1970.

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